

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Ms. Dortch,
I understand that a "localism in broadcasting" hearing is scheduled for January 28, 2004 in San Antonio, Texas. On behalf of Communities In Schools of San Antonio, I want to express our gratitude to the management team and employees of San Antonio's local Clear Channel radio and television stations for their longtime support of our programs.

I have worked with Clear Channel for over 8 years and they have always displayed a deep commitment to our agency and to the people of San Antonio. Clear Channel has written and aired multiple public service announcements to help promote "Project Stuff the Bus", our city-wide school supply drive that benefits 7 youth services agencies that support thousands of young people every year. With the help of Clear Channel Communications, our drive celebrated our 10th anniversary with over \$70,000 in cash contributions and school supplies. CC blankets the airwaves with tremendous publicity for the event and graciously allows key employees to volunteer their time towards the success of the event. Without this yearly event, thousands of children would have to begin the school year unprepared and illequiped to compete in the school arena.

Clear Channel has also pledged \$30,000 to maintain and expand our Mentoring and Career Awareness programs in San Antonio. Without their generous gift of funds and committed employee volunteers, our Mentoring initiative would be in serious trouble, as other local funders have come completed their financial obligations and have changed their funding priorities . Years of work and several hundred mentors and volunteers are now being supported by a new partnership between Clear Channel and CIS-SA.

Without the support of these Clear Channel stations, my organization would not be able to participate in successful events that benefit the children in our community and their families. They always have, and are continuing to provide valuable and needed services to San Antonio.

During this upcoming hearing, Clear Channel radio and television should be recognized for offering top quality programming and entertainment, but also for their dedication to our local community. Clear Channel are local folks who care a lot about local programs and the children and families we serve. We are grateful.

Sincerely,

India Chumney
Director of Development
Communities In Schools of San Antonio

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